

REMARKS

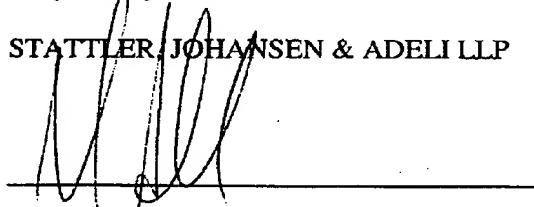
Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the personal interview on August 16, 2004. During the personal interview, no exhibit was shown or demonstration conducted. Applicants' representative discussed the independent claims and the cited references with the Examiner. Pursuant to the discussion in the interview, Applicants have canceled claims 1-17 and added new claims 18-31. *See* newly added claims 18-31; *see also* page 2, line 17, and page 20, line 18, to page 21, line 10, of the specification in the present application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims, namely claims 18-31, are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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